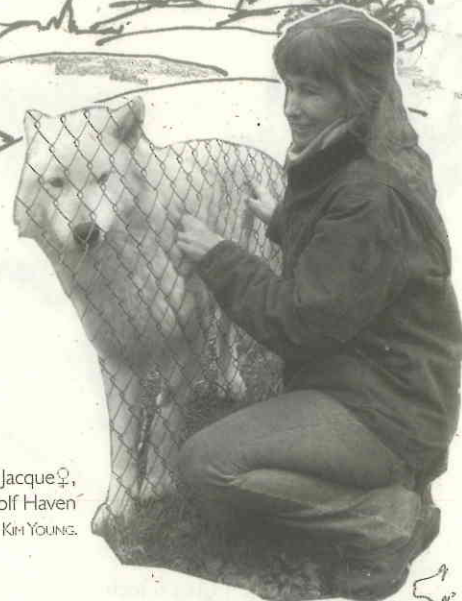




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Working for wolf conservation since 1982.

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Wendy Spencer and Jacquie ♀,
one of our newer Wolf Haven
residents. PHOTO BY KIM YOUNG.

Over the past many years, Wolf Haven International has been called upon to provide lifetime sanctuary to wolves in need. Often, the animals that we are asked to rescue have been neglected or abused or are facing destruction and Wolf Haven is their only hope. It is a call that we gratefully accept and a commitment that we do not enter into lightly. Never turning our backs on a wolf in need has become one of the organization's life missions – but we need your help.

Recently we were contacted about a pair of wolves in Northern California who are in need of a new home. The brother and sister wolves were purchased as pups and were intended for the pet trade with a private owner. As is so often the case, the owner got in over his head and realized too late that raising a pair of young wolves is far more challenging than raising domestic dogs. As a result, the owner ended up with animals who were poorly socialized to humans and no longer tractable.

Sadly, last year the owner passed away and the care of the wolves fell to his widow, who has wisely decided that it would be in the best interest of all involved to place the pair. However, trying to place two wolves who have been left to their own devices since adolescence is a daunting task. Normal channels of adoption, like shelters, are not an option because “rehoming” these wolves within the private sector poses potential legal and liability issues. Another factor for consideration is that no one has been able to get close to these animals for over a year, so just the task of catching them up in order to place them requires experienced handlers. That leaves only a facility like Wolf Haven.

Thankfully, we are in a position to offer this pair a home and plan to pick them up in early April. Last year, we took in seven new wolves; since 1982, we have rescued and provided lifetime sanctuary for 160! Needless to say, I have no doubt the requests will continue. As you can imagine, a lifetime commitment to an animal is a costly endeavor and we need your support to ensure that we are *always* in a position to help. Please consider making a donation today to help the wolves who may need a home tomorrow.

With the wolves in mind,

Wendy Spencer
Animal Curator, Wolf Haven International

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